



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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FPPC to Hold Symposium on Future of Political Reform

On Thursday, April 19, 2012, the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and the University of Southern California will host “Rethinking Campaign Finance and Disclosure: A Symposium” at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento, 1320 J Street, Sacramento, 9:00 AM to 1:35 PM.

Comprised of legal scholars, practitioners and policy experts, the one-day program centers around political reform through campaign finance disclosure and regulation. The program will be shaped by recent jurisdictional and legislative developments, particularly the *Citizens United* ruling by the United States Supreme Court.

The symposium will begin after remarks from Governor Brown with two interlocking panels. The first panel, “Legal Landscapes,” will frame legal and constitutional considerations of campaign finance and regulation. The second panel, “Campaign Policy and Politics: A View from the Inside,” shares applied perspectives from both politicians and political experts. These combined perspectives will assess the current legal and political landscapes, consider what the future may hold, and inform future policy development.

PANELISTS*

Opening Remarks: Governor Jerry Brown (invited)

Panel 1: Legal Landscapes;

Legal Panel:

Chair: Prof. Elizabeth Garrett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Frances R. and John J. Duggan Professor of Law, Political Science and Public Policy, USC

Panelists:

Richard Briffault

Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation
Columbia Law School

Bradley A. Smith

Josiah H. Blackmore II/Shirley M. Nault
Designated Professor of Law
Capital University Law School

Panel 2: Campaign Policy and Politics--A View from the Inside;

Joe Mathews (Moderator),
Author and Irvine senior fellow at the New America Foundation

Panelists:

James Bopp

Attorney with the law firm of Bopp, Coleson, and Bostrom

Willie Brown

Former Speaker of the California State Assembly and former Mayor of San Francisco

Dan Morain

Sacramento Bee Senior Editor and Public Affairs Columnist

*Confirmed as of November 17, 2011

PROPOSED AGENDA BREAKDOWN

8:00 to 9:00AM--**Registration**

9:00 to 10:00AM--**Welcome and Introductions**

10:00 to 11:30AM--**Panel 1: Legal Landscapes**

11:30 to 12:00PM--**Break:** Boxed Lunches Available

12:00 to 1:30PM--**Panel 2: Campaign Policy and Politics--A View from the Inside**

1:30 to 1:35PM--**Closing**